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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Steven K. Stringer et al.
Application No. : 10/616,116 Confirmation No.: 5023
Filed : July 8, 2003
For: INTEGRATED BLOOD HANDLING SYSTEM HAVING
ACTIVE GAS REMOVAL SYSTEM AND METHODS
OF USE
Group Art Unit : 3762
Examiner : Patricia M. Bianco

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated March 24, 2005,
received in the above-identified application, applicant submits
the following amendments and remarks.